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## CURTIS L. WALLER FOR JUDGE

Former Bay St. Louis Resident Recommended By Senator Harrison for Post.

Press dispatches from Washington on Tuesday were to the effect that Senator Pat Harrison has recommended his former secretary, C. L. Waller, of Tallahassee, Fla., for appointment to the new judgeship proposed for the fifth circuit court of appeals.

The bill providing for the addition of one judge to the court has been agreed upon by senate and house conferees and it is expected to reach the president within the next few days.

Waller is a former Mississippian and went to Washington with Senator Harrison as his private secretary when the senator entered Congress 28 years ago. In recent years Mr. Waller has been associated with Senator Pepper of Florida in the practice of law at Tallahassee.

The fifth circuit embraces the states of Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas and Louisiana. All of the states, except Florida and Alabama, now have representation on the court.

Judge Edwin R. Holmes, of Yazoo City, is the Mississippi member of the court which sits at New Orleans. His appointment upon recommendation of Senator Harrison and over the protest of Senator Theo. G. Bilbo two years ago resulted in an open break between the two senators which has not been healed.

Attorney Curtis L. Waller is well and widely remembered in Bay St. Louis where he resided many years, associated with the law firm of Walter J. Gex, Sr., and later with Mr. Gex and Senator Harrison.

Mr. Waller is a native of Bay St. Louis, where he has a wife, Mrs. Mary Ann, and a grown young lady. The many friends here and over Mississippi where Mr. Waller is known will receive the ultimate news of the appointment with satisfaction.

## COUPLE WHO RESIDED ON SHIP ISLAND 50 YRS. GLAD TO BE BACK

After Roaming the Country To See the Sights, Ask Government to Let Them Return to Island.

John Hancock, Gov. White's secretary, recently accompanied the chief executive on a fishing trip to the Gulf Coast, has been writing from time to time for the Jackson press of observations while on the journey and visit.

"Speaking of tastes," he says, "there's old Mr. Franson and his wife who, for nearly 50 years, ran the U. S. Quarantine station at Ship Island, where we went fishing last week-end. The old Nordic gentleman, a true lover of the sea, was content to remain on the island with his wife and son, having as their only visitors the ships that happened to pass, or the sick sailors brought into quarantine. At one time the station was quite an important link in coast shipping, but in recent years most foreign ships clear quarantine either at Mobile or New Orleans. Anyway, several years ago Mr. Franson had put in his required years with the government service and was retired on a pension. He and his fine wife decided that now they could make the trips they'd always wanted, and go to places where they could see crowds of people—sharp contrast to the island where sometimes for weeks they saw no other soul. The couple visited up east; then they went to Florida and out west. They couldn't seem to find any place that suited them. Finally they asked the service to let them return to the island. They're down there now—content to spend the rest of their days watching the blue waters of Mississippi sound—Mr. Franson says the water isn't as pretty in the Mediterranean, along the Atlantic coast, or even in his native Norway. Another man, Captain Beasley, is in charge of the station now, so the Fransons have company and the old gentleman has somebody to swap sea stories with."

On several trips lately, particularly along the route to the coast, I have been impressed by the flowery gardens in almost every yard along the highways. Some homes are hardly more than shacks, and many haven't seen a paint brush in years, if ever, but all of them have some flowering plants coloring the yard.

## CLARIFYING THE SITUATION CONCERNING \$75,000 PROPOSED BOND ISSUE.

(A Front Page Editorial)

PURSUANT to a statute, enacted by the recently-adjourned biennial session of the Mississippi legislature, it is now possible for the Coast counties to purchase, own and operate dredge boats for the purpose of building up long, sloping beaches as a means of protecting the millions of dollars tax payers of Mississippi coast counties have invested in building the seashore line bulwark commonly known as seawall.

In view of the fact the Mississippi Coast up to late years had suffered equinoctial storms that did immeasurable damage by destroying property and threatening continued destruction, our people willingly went into debt in the sum of millions of dollars to protect the land located on the Hancock County Coast Line.

This measure was one both of precaution and protection. To build such seawall was not only a matter of financial burden but before it could be accomplished it was necessary to first procure considerable legislation. There were meetings and assemblies, local boards went through the routine of obtaining necessary legislation in order to conform with requirements of law. Representatives from the Coast including our own form Hancock County, spent much time and effort in order to convince the balance of the State of the necessity of such special legislation and also of the import that such improvement would in time mean to the balance of Mississippi.

The very life of continued being of our Coast section was at stake. Already, to an extent, it was late to take such steps for considerable of the Mississippi Coast line had been repeatedly storm-swept and much of the land carried away into the waters of the Gulf.

Nothing was safe; nothing secure from the ravage of storm. Progress and investment, development and substantial expansion was not only threatened but in immediate jeopardy. There was no more security since immunity from storm-occurrence could not be procured, but the safeguarding of property and of the existence of the physical shore lands of this section was possible. It was through the medium of an intelligent, undertaking and building of what was at first thought an impregnable seawall that this protection was provided for.

True, we have not had the visitation of tropical storm of violent intensity since the wall was constructed. But the majority of people living well remember wind and wave upheaval of 1909, and 1915. Since then disturbances have occurred and even then the seawall has served in good stead and our giving our people a feeling of security like nothing else could afford.

However, this seawall, like any other structure that must withstand the toll of time requires maintenance. Much of the wall has been built over twenty years ago, sections longer. Even the main portion that, bulwark-like promises successful rebuff of storm of intensity, requires that soil erosion be replaced and the structure permanently protected.

It must be remembered, that outside of the City of Bay St. Louis, the people of Hancock County have one million and a quarter, (\$1,250,000.00) dollars invested in the wall, exclusive of the city. It is their interest to see that the wall is protected and remains, for what is of benefit to the Bay-Waveland shore and adjacent shore line is of benefit to the innermost recess and remotest parts of Hancock County.

With this in mind—that seawall represents a fortune; that it must be saved not only for its cost but for the value of protection, present and future, is the paramount issue.

It was for this reason that local minds, men from the ranks of our leaders and people to whom the general public of tax-payers and others generally look for to do things, to safeguard and best promote our economic interests, had a special bill introduced in the recent session of the legislature, authorizing Coast counties to issue bonds whereby they may own and operate such dredges for the purpose of pumping a sand beach adjacent to the Seawall or Road Protection Structure.

Pursuant to the provisions of such bill the Hancock County Board of Supervisors recently adopted a resolution setting forth its intention to issue \$75,000.00 worth of bonds for the purchase and operation of such dredge for the purpose as set forth. Property owners acclaimed this step by the Board of Supervisors as one well taken and representing the very highest type of economy since it is to save property, to insure for its permanence, and to protect in value not to be estimated alone in dollars and cents.

The bill above referred to, passed by the Legislature provided that if as many as twenty-five per cent (25 per cent) of the qualified electors of the county petitioned the Board of Supervisors within fifteen days after its notice of intention was published, an election should be had to determine whether or not the bonds should be issued for the purposes set out in the bill.

On April 30th, 1938, there was filed before the Board of Supervisors a petition signed by 776 persons claiming to be qualified electors. The Board of Supervisors, as provided by law, canvassed the petition filed asking that an election be had. After canvassing said petition the Board of Supervisors determined that there were only 417 of the 776 who were qualified electors, this number being considerably less than 25 per cent of the qualified voters of the county as provided by law, the Board found that the petition was insufficient and directed the issuance of said bonds.

At this time there was filed with the Board a Bill of Exceptions seeking the signature of the President of the Board setting out the findings of the Board for the purpose of an appeal to the Circuit Court of Hancock County on the order of the Board of Supervisors directing the issuance of \$75,000 worth of bonds under the above mentioned bill.

The effect of the filing of this bill of exceptions is that the Board of Supervisors is tied up in the issuance of these bonds until the next term of the Circuit Court, which is September. In other words under the law the Board cannot proceed further with the issuance and sale of the bonds for this essential work until this Bill of Exceptions is disposed of by the Circuit Court.

The Bill of Exceptions was filed in the name of Norton Haas, Sylvester Lader and S. S. Moran, who were represented professionally by Attorney Edward J. Jones.

Why such proposition should be opposed and it is planned to fight through court litigation, we cannot very well conceive. And in this finding we have many proponents.

We are of the opinion, and the public will agree, that the Board of Supervisors owe the duty to the tax-payers of Hancock County to protect this investment of tax-payers' money aggregating over one and quarter million dollars. We are not a rich county. We have a scarcity of money and limited amount of resources. It was stretching a great point and resolving into a sacrifice in order that the wall might be built and financed.

Will we allow this investment of over a million dollars to go the way of time for the sake of a comparative paltry sum of \$75,000.00? It must be remembered these bonds will carry over a period of ten years; that the funds from which to retire the bonds are to be realized from the present gasoline tax and not as an extra levy and ad valorem tax.

The opposition, we understand, say if the gasoline tax collection should fail, then the difference to make up the inadequacy, would fall as an additional burden to tax-payers.

That is not likely. But in the event the gasoline tax should fail entirely or would become unavailable, then it would require no greater tax than 3 mills to adequately take care of the bond issue, in other words for each \$1000.00 assessment the sum of \$3.00. But this possibility is remote. Too much is at stake when we consider the value of the improvement sought to be protected.

There seems to be a lot of misunderstanding about the proposition. Many who first signed the petition addressed to the Board, in opposition, later requested their name be removed and while such number of signatures removed are not at hand just now we understand it is appreciable. However, the Board did not withdraw any of the names from the petition in determining the inadequacy thereof.

Considerable misunderstanding exists in the premises. And it is for the purpose of clarifying the situation that this article is written. The Sea Coast Echo plans to always stand for the best interest. This newspaper is an institution of nearly a half century, serving both Bay-Waveland, Hancock County, the Mississippi Gulf Coast and the State as well and it has ever exerted every endeavor to be fair, impartial and always seeking for the general interest.

We would rather construct than tear down. This section is on the eve of a great future. We must meet the demands of the times and of the future as well. No city, no county has ever prospered on any basis but that of broad and liberal interpretation. A parsimonious policy is cheap and never accomplishes anything.

Big men, people of vision, do big things in order to procure big results.

## SOFTBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Dates of Events for Outdoor Summer Games Between Local Teams.

Remembering the success and intense interest of the season of softball league games last summer in Bay St. Louis, the announcement of the resumption of the league activities for this summer will be received with spirited interest.

The Echo publishes the schedule for the first round, May 16 to June 10, inclusive. Fans and others will cut this out and keep for reference.

May 16—K. of C. vs. Shell, Clerks vs. Rando's.

May 18—Loiacano vs. Makena—Rando's vs. Bay Coal.

May 23—Shell vs. Loiacano—Rando's vs. Gulf Theater.

May 25—Bay Coal vs. Gulf Theater—K. of C. vs. Loiacano's.

May 27—K. of C. vs. Bay Coal—Makena vs. Gulf Theater.

May 30—Shell vs. Makena—K. C. vs. Rando's.

June 1—Shell vs. Rando's—Makena vs. Bay Coal.

June 3—K. of C. vs. Gulf Theater—Loiacano's vs. Bay Coal.

June 6—Loiacano's vs. Rando's—Shell vs. Gulf Theater.

June 8—K. of C. vs. Makena—Shell vs. Bay Coal.

June 10—Loiacano's vs. Gulf Theater.

All games will start promptly at 8 o'clock and to be played at St. Stanislaus stadium.

## POSTMASTER FORD ADDRESSES LUNCHEON CLUB ON AIR MAIL

Speaks in Co-Operation of National Air-Mail-Week—Tells of Progress of Service.

The Rotary Club sponsored a program in co-operation with National Air-Mail-Week at the regular meeting, Hotel Reed, Wednesday. Postmaster Leo G. Ford was the speaker, for the occasion. He related that the first flight was made by Army aviators on May 15, 1918. In spite of the World's War he continued, President Woodrow Wilson took time off from duties to witness the inauguration of air mail service in the United States. This historical flight was made from Washington to New York, requiring a stop at Philadelphia. The distance was covered in a little less than four hours, the same route being covered today in eighty minutes. He made this comparison in order to emphasize progress made in air mail service.

During the first few years, he said, the air mail service was handled by the army, but later was let out to contract lines. He referred to the high efficiency and magnitude of the service by saying that a quarter of a million miles are covered every twenty-four hours, handling many million packages of mail annually, with a record of 96 per cent for efficiency. Postmaster Ford brought out that a rate of 13 cents per ounce was in effect at the beginning, having been reduced from time to time, until the present rate of 6 cents per ounce. He expressed hope that thru the efforts of the department in creating interest in air mail service, it would be possible to reduce the rate to 5 cents, and probably as low as 4 cents.

The speaker told of a plan to stage local flights throughout the country in recognition of Air-Mail-Week. He explained that the department had issued permission for short flights for deliveries within each state in the union.

## Vocational Home Economics For Adults Beginning May 30.

By the Federal vocational aid and the county home economics instructors' term has been extended thru the first week in July.

It is hoped that several informal adult classes can be organized as to the nature of work desired for the purpose of working out methods and being advised upon modern home-making problems. The vast amount of authentic and helpful materials available today should make this work not only helpful but interesting.

Classes will be arranged for girls of high school level who have taken home economics in the public schools and those who are prospective students.

There will be no charges made to individuals participating in the work. Those interested please communicate with Miss Helton Newsom, 207 Union street, as to the time most convenient to meet in informal groups at High School, and phases of work most interesting.

## MISS PETERS GIVES DATES AND PLACES FOR HOME DEM. CLUBS

To Hold Meetings Next Week—Gave Talk at Aaron Academy on Electrical Equipment.

The Home Demonstration work is progressing nicely. Miss Peters wants to announce again the dates for the home demonstration club call meetings:

May 24, Logtown; May 25, Lake Shore; May 26, Waveland.

Circular letters will be sent out announcing date, time and place. Since the purpose and organization of the club is to be discussed, she is in hopes that all the ladies will be present for this first meeting.

The dates and places for meeting have not yet been arranged for the other committees, but Miss Peters is working as fast as possible and she hopes to have all arrangements announced in the next week's paper.

Miss Peters has devoted most of her time this week to the activities and celebration of the new R. E. A. Project. She is always delighted to see homes improved and she realizes that the electricity which has just been turned on in several of our rural communities will not only be an education but will lend happiness as well to our farm homes.

Miss Peters has had electrical experience and she will be glad to help you in the selection of equipment or send you any desired information if you will write in to her or stop at her office.

A brief talk on "lighting the farm home" was given by Miss Peters, at Aaron Academy—helpful hints were given on how to conserve the eyes' by having the proper lighting fixtures and the proper distribution of light.

Miss Peters announces again that she is ready to cooperate with any other rural activities in making the farm home a better place in which to live.

## GEO. R. REA HOME FROM EXTENSIVE TRIP NORTH AND CANADA.

Tells of Situation in Industrial Centers—Auto Tags On Installment.

Mr. George R. Rea returned home a few days ago from an extensive trip that carried him thru many States and as far as Toronto, Canada.

He is a student of current events and a keen observer. Travelling he has a wide and representative contact, and always plenty to tell about on his return from periodical trips. With this in view The Echo representative interviewed Mr. Rea and as a result gained the following, due to limited space published in somewhat condensed form.

Toronto, Canada, Mr. Rea said, is a cosmopolitan city of 750,000 inhabitants. These Canadians are watching with much interest the operation of the New Deal in the United States. They elected C. I. O. Lewis from Canada and they have no labor troubles at present. I was informed that duty on automobiles from the U. S. A. is 60 per cent, that is, an automobile costing \$1000.00 here sells for \$1600.00 in Canada.

Canada profits much from tourists in summer, as scenery and climate is quite attractive.

Michigan manufactures most of the automobiles such as Chryslers, Fords, Pontiacs, Oldsmobiles, Buicks and the Recession has offset this business materially. The steel business in Ohio and Pennsylvania is below par due to business conditions. Because corporations are required to pay unemployment taxes and in order to avoid paying full wages for 17 weeks unemployment, these industries are employing minimum crews, thus many thousands of men are out of work.

If business gets better, then industrial plants will run full time and it may be necessary to place orders on the waiting list, without increasing the number of employees.

In Michigan, the State is issuing automobile tags on installment plan, the green ones are good for six months and the white for twelve months.

All colleges in the north are full of students. The next question follows—where will they get jobs? The rubber plants in Ohio are ready to move South on account of labor conditions, but the present bills before Congress has everything standing still.

Mississippi can get many large industries if we enacted workmen's compensation laws.

Only two states in the Union, Mississippi being one, have no workmen's compensation laws.

One thing noticeable is the price of gasoline, which sells for 17 cents in Michigan and Ohio and gradually gets higher coming Southward which increases to 24 cents in Alabama and Mississippi.

Alabama can boast of excellent new roads from the Tennessee line to Birmingham which are concrete.

## COMMENCEMENT AT BAY HIGH SCHOOL THIS FRIDAY NIGHT

Class of Thirty-Two to Receive Diplomas—D. R. Patterson, State Supervisor of Instruction, to Speak.

## ITALIAN-AMERICAN CLUB TOPS

Forty Members of Local Social Club Holds Quarterly Meeting at K. C. Hall.

The Italian-American Social Club met last Thursday night at the K. of C. Hall. Forty members were present. This was the second meeting of the year. Six candidates for membership were introduced and presented to the members. These candidates will be initiated into the club at a special meeting scheduled for next month.

Anthony Loiacano was elected treasurer to serve out the unexpired term of Michel Benigno who was forced to resign his office because of having changed his place of residence to Long Beach, Miss.

The club has made great progress during its three years of existence. August Schiro serving his second year as president has been an able and conscientious leader and the club has accomplished much under his guidance.

The officers of the Club are: A. Schiro, president, Arthur Scaffide, vice-president; John Scaffide, secretary and Anthony Loiacano, treasurer. Joe G. Scaffide and A. Trapani serve on the board of directors. Sylvester Benigno sergeant-at-arms. At the next regular scheduled meeting in July, an election of officers will be held.

After the meeting Thursday night refreshments were served. It was a jolly get-together, immensely enjoyed by all of the forty members present.

## Party of Five From Bay St. Louis Fish in Gulf, Off Florida Coast

A party composed of Walter J. Gex, Dr. M. J. Wolfe, Joe B. Burrow, Robert L. Camors and Tony Piazza returned home Tuesday morning at an early hour from a two-day deep water fishing trip in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, twenty miles off Carabelle, Florida.

Their quest for big fish was successful, landing over 500 pounds of fish, including many of the select kinds. However, 300 pounds was carried home for lack of room in the car carrying the returning number of fishermen home. The fish were distributed and many friends remembered.

The party were guests of Mr. Gex and they are loud in their expressions of the unusual fishing and of the trip in general; that Mr. Gex is the ideal host, omitting nothing that would in any measure contribute to the comfort and pleasure of the party.

Two cars carried the men to their destination, via Pensacola and Panama City and the overland trip to and fro was interesting, it was reported.

## To Explain Natural Gas Proposition At Business Luncheon

In carrying on the fight for natural gas the Rotary Club has scheduled a program in this connection for Wednesday noon, Hotel Reed, May 25th. Mr. F. P. Joseph, consulting engineer of Glenmora, La., will be the main speaker for the occasion. City and county officials are invited to this important meeting to hear a discussion of a proposal that will bring the convenience of natural gas to Bay St. Louis.

The Rotary Club has been very active over a period of two years, in its fight to bring natural gas here. The fight has been waged in vain so far, but it is hoped a plan will be formulated at this meeting for the desired results.

Every curve is marked by white posts on the outer circle, markers designate the kind and direction of the course and these are easily seen at night for several hundred feet. Acute curves on hills and mountains are marked by large billboards in black and white stripes. The roadway is marked with white line in the center for safety. If we could get our Highway Department to thus mark our O. S. R. leading to New Orleans, we would have fewer accidents by day and by night.

Thirty-two Seniors will receive their diplomas this Friday evening, Bay High School, in the Gym at 8 o'clock. This class is the same number as last year and is the largest in the history of the school.

D. R. Patterson, supervisor of instruction of the State department of education, will deliver the commencement address.

City Supt. of Schools S. J. Ingram who will deliver the diplomas, will be master of ceremony.

Program for this auspicious occasion follows:  
Processional ..... Mrs. Carl T. Smith  
Invocation .....  
Salutatory ..... Hermann Baxter  
Chorus ..... Amaryllis-arr. Partlow  
Address ..... State Supervisor  
D. R. Patterson

Awarding of Scholarships ..... Dr. J. A. Evans

Awarding of Diplomas ..... Supt. S. J. Ingram

Valedictory ..... Roberta Horlock

Farewell Song ..... Senior Class

Recessional ..... Mrs. Carl T. Smith

The class roll follows:

Alan Wilfred Ansley, Audrey Rosalie Anderson, James Henry Arnold, James Charles Arnold, Hermann M. Baxter, Charles Nordward Benigno, Geoffrey Bourgeois, Marcel G. Bourgeois, Mildred Cagle, Viola Mae Cobb, Ruby Coward, Lena Dawsey, Jack Ferdinand Fayard, Grace Marie Garriga, Caroline Griffith, Paul Ralph Henley, Roberta Cecelia Horlock, Florence Hose, Rosemary Keen, Blanche P. Kellar, Alvin Francis Le Breton, Ella Ray Marshall, Ruth Eugenia Miller, Eugene Mogabgab, Jr., Nancy Belle Murphy, Marion Elaine Ortt, Jose Fernandez Roman, Myrtle Lucille Ruckins, Dona Strahan, Mary Alice Tuhard, Cecile Elvina Turcotte, Flora Berniece Weir.

## ACADEMY CLASS FROM ST. JOSEPH GRADUATE IN JUNE

Class of Ten to Receive Diplomas, Completing the Prescribed Course.

Commencement exercises, St. Joseph Academy, will take place on the evening of Saturday, June 4, at 8 o'clock, at S. J. A. Memorial Hall. A class roll for 1938 is composed of Misses Vera Banderet, Anna Benvenutti, Elsie Carver, Eunice Carver, Beth Klempeter, Frances Kleinper, Clara Marie Manuel, Marie Strong, Elsie Mae Tudury, Blanche Wenar.

The class motto is: "To be, not to seem." Class colors are gold and white and the class flower is the daisy.

An unusually successful year of work and study has marked the term soon to close, sustaining the splendid record of S. J. A. over a period of several generations.

## Bay Delegates To District Conference Held at Poplarville.

A delegation left Bay St. Louis Thursday morning of this week for Poplarville to attend the two-day District Conference of the Methodist church, presided over by the Rev. J. F. Campbell, of Gulfport, presiding elder. The conference for last year, will be remembered, was held in Bay St. Louis.

Attending the Poplarville meet the delegates included: Prof. Q. McCormick, of Kilm, member of the Bay Church; Mrs. A. J. Boyles, Mrs. Neal White of Lakeshore. Mr. Charles J. Mitchell, accredited delegate, was unable to attend due to business responsibilities.

## Certificates To Eighth Grade Pupils Gainesville School.

On last Tuesday evening May 10, at 7:30, the eighth grade pupils of Gainesville School received their diplomas from the hands of Mr. K. G. McCarty, county superintendent of education.

Mr. McCarty made a very interesting address, so did the Rev. L. N. Jones.

Grayson Miller was salutatorian, Gusie Davis, valedictorian and Laura Wood gave a class poem, dedicated to their teacher, Mrs. Jeanne Williams.

Following these exercises, pupils from the primary department thru the seventh grade entertained with plays, songs and marches. A pleasant evening was enjoyed.

Pupils having perfect attendance during the past session were Willie Mae Davis, Elmer and Cecil Williams.



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## LOCAL SOFT BALL LEAGUE.

IT IS interesting to note the Bay St. Louis soft ball league has been organized for 1938 and this summer games that engaged the interest of so many fans and others will be resumed.

Many activities go to make community interest and of these athletics are by no means the least. Our local schools afford the bulk of such activity, thanks to their public-spiritedness and alertness to that up-to-date standard by which they operate and conduct many things of public interest.

Now that these institutions are recessed for the summer it behooves our people to make for their own entertainment in this line. Hence, through the instrumentality of Mr. John Scaffide, Bay High School coach, and others, this trend is to continue throughout the vacation season. His associates are equally alert and interested.

The Echo plans to publish each week or as often as interest will warrant, reports of the league and standing of the respective clubs. Not only youth but adult participate in these games. They make for healthful exercise both of body and mind and possibly, better still, for a medium of friendly and social contact that otherwise would not exist.

## TOO LOW, GOVERNOR!

WHILE we generally agree with Gov. White we cannot exactly subscribe to expression he recently gave utterance that homes should be tax-exempt up to limit of \$2500. That's a pretty low ceiling.

There would be little or no encouragement for the building of houses better than the average class. Tax-exempt homesteads should not only be a means of assisting the home owner to be able to keep his property in the face of adversity but as well to stimulate the building of better and bigger homes and attract to Mississippi—particularly to the Gulf Coast—that type of people possessing money to spend. The State would gain more than double through other channels.

It might be argued people who build better and bigger homes are well able to pay taxes. But the answer to that is they do not have to live in Mississippi. There are forty-seven other States.

We wish to attract the many who are seeking new places in which to live; where people are invited by economic conditions in addition to better living and general conditions.

## WENT TO CHURCH TO STEAL.

GOING to church to steal is O. K., provided, however, one goes to steal away from temptation, commission of sins and the many pitfalls the just man is said to meet daily.

But, Don Tell attended church regularly. In fact, he visited more than 100 churches between Los Angeles and San Francisco in the past month.

From each, he told police and reporters, he and his partner took small collection funds.

"We worked the churches because they're easy—no one around to poke a gun in your stomach," said the 18-year-old youth.

"Sunday night or Monday morning is the best time—but any day's good for \$5 to \$15."

Tell was charged with suspicion of burglary. Police claimed they found his fingerprints on the window sill of a burglarized house.

"I should have stuck to churches," Tell sighed.

## GOV. LECHE WILL NOT RESIGN.

GOVERNOR Richard Leche made it plain Monday he has no intention of quitting his job as Louisiana's chief executive to become a federal judge.

Reports have been current for some time President Roosevelt would nominate him to fill the additional judgeship recently created by congress for the eastern district of Louisiana.

Leche repeatedly has denied he would resign. Observers here pointed out however, it would not be necessary for him to resign, that the late Huey P. Long did not resign as governor to become United States senator but automatically relinquished his state position upon taking his oath as senator.

## BUILDING BOOM IMMINENT.

THE Vicksburg Evening Post expresses the conviction that if all homesteads in Mississippi are exempted from taxes at the extraordinary session of the Mississippi legislature, in accordance with the proposal of Governor Hugh White, that a building boom will be the consequence and "doubtless the act will cause many people to move into the state."

Governor White will call the special session about June 20. Taxes in the state on homesteads bring nine to ten million dollars. The proposed two cent sales tax may be increased to three cents to meet the change in the event that the legislature favors homestead exemptions.

Chancellor Ben Stevens said the divorce suit of United States Senator Theo. G. Bilbo would be called in regular order at the special term of court to begin at Poplarville July 18.

The old-fashioned boy who used to think he was lucky to have a quarter a week to spend, has young sons and daughters who think nothing of spending a dollar a day.

## CONGRATULATING THE GRADUATES.

SCHOOLS, colleges and universities are beginning to hold their commencement exercises throughout the United States, and before long, thousands of graduates will step from the halls of learnings and face life with all of its problems.

A small percentage of the graduates of the nation's high schools will continue their studies in college. Some of them will join the graduates of colleges and universities in seeking economic success. After years of training, they are ready to step into a busy world, to make their contribution to its development, and, in return, to ask for themselves, a livelihood. There was a time when their economic success was more or less assured by the education they had received. Today, unfortunately, thousands of them will look in vain for the opportunity to make their way and to serve society successfully to themselves and creditably to their fellowman.

Quite frankly, we know of no advice to give these students who may fail to find profitable places in the economic step-up of the nation. Congratulations and sympathy do not take the place of an opportunity to work. About the best that we can do is to hope that conditions will improve rapidly and that the graduates of 1938 will find reasonable good fortune within their reach.

We trust that the graduates will not make the mistake of thinking that their education has been completed. The truth of the matter is that they are only beginning to learn. Much that they must understand, if they are to succeed in life, can only be learned through the hard school of experience. They must recognize that the intelligence that they have acquired is only a means to a successful and well-rounded existence. May they, as the years pass by, grow older in wisdom and win the esteem of their fellowmen.

The Echo fully appreciates the epoch that graduation marks in the life of men and women. We share with our high school boys and girls the happiness that the occasion brings to them. We wish them well in the future and can truthfully advise them that the world at large is ready to receive them on their own terms. The value that human society will put on their lives depends largely upon the value which they place upon it themselves.

## NATURAL GAS FOR BAY-WAVELAND.

WHILE every community and section of the Mississippi Gulf Coast enjoys the privilege and advantages of natural gas, Bay-Waveland is the exception. As a result not only an economic loss is sustained but the material progress of this important part of the Coast is placed to disadvantage and future expansion jeopardized.

Natural gas for domestic use and industrial purpose has become an integral part of our every day mode of living. And property offered for rental is refused by outsiders seeking to either spend a season on the Coast or to reside permanently. A well-known result of our failure to offer gas is that the home-seeker either goes across the Bay or to some other section along the coast.

Now, we have in our midst a representative who comes knocking on our doors, the opportunity that knocks only once since all other gas propositions to Bay St. Louis have failed to materialize. The gentleman here this week only asks the city council for a resolution that will give him authority to make a survey of the city, without cost.

If a minimum number of subscribers may be obtained the city will be asked to issue such bonds necessary for a municipally-owned distributing plant. These bonds will be self redeeming from proceeds of service.

It is hoped the city will grant the privilege sought. The representative asks nothing if the project fails of realization.

Members of the city council, county officials and others will be invited to hear Mr. F. P. Joseph address Rotary Club on Wednesday of next week in the interest of the project. He will explain the project an answer all questions.

It is apparent, from the outline presented The Echo, that Bay St. Louis in this instance has nothing to lose and all to gain.

## PINE INDUSTRY HITS WAGE HOUR BILL.

A group of industrialists and agriculturists meeting at New Orleans a few days since under auspices of the pine industry committee of the Southern Pine Association organized to oppose enactment of the proposed federal wage-hour legislation.

Their spokesman charged that the legislation, if passed, would "destroy industry and give business a setback." C. C. Sheppard of Clarks, La., presided.


C. C. Gilbert, Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the Southern States Industrial Council, said passage of the wage-hour legislation "would destroy at least half of the industries in the south."

Wage-hour bill is apparently aimed at the South and its passage would be a death blow to business and general prosperity. Many of the smaller industries and places of business would be forced to suspend.

## DIRECTIONS FROM THE GRAVE.

IN 1890, a General died in Pennsylvania. His will provided that his estate should remain intact until \$112,000 had accumulated and that the principal sum would then be used to erect statues to four Revolutionary Generals in front of Independence Hall, at Philadelphia. The fund to be left has now reached \$112,000 but those in charge declare that the Hall is not to be decorated with any more generals. Consequently, the Court has appointed a "friend of the Court" to find a way of using the money left by the General in 1890.

This is another illustration of the inability of man to plan human affairs after his death. Most men who accumulate some property, attempt to exercise control over the accumulation long after they are dead and gone. In some cases, the effort works very well. In others, it fails. Maybe, after all, it might be a good idea for us, upon departing from this world, to leave to those behind us the handling of material things.



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**RIVER PILOT:**

"We bought our Servel Electrolux in 1933. We use it a great deal—use plenty of ice cubes, buy food in quantity; yet it never costs over \$1.50 per month to operate. It makes ice just as fast, keeps just as cold as it did the first day. We are strong for it because it has no moving parts in its freezing system."—Wm. P. Cox, 3609 Baronne St.

**HOUSEWIFE:**

"I have been using and enjoying a Servel Electrolux refrigerator for six years. I have had no big repair bills to pay. It rarely cost more than \$1 per month to operate, and is silent—a blessing when preparing a meal in a small kitchen. If I ever have to buy another, it will be a Servel Electrolux."—Mrs. B. J. Williams, 2715 Bardette St.

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## "BORDERTOWN" AT GULF THEATER FOR SUNDAY AND MONDAY

**Triumphant Engagement of Return Success—Paul Muni and Bette Davis In Their Only Film Together.**

"Bordertown" brought back from the obscurity of moviedom's motion picture Hall of Fame by the demand of countless thousands to thrill you once again with its immortal story that shocked its way to the glorious heights of success overnight.

Rarely does one have the opportunity of seeing two such great stars as Paul Muni and Bette Davis together, both of whom are Academy Award winners, and it is with genuine pleasure that the management of the Gulf Theater at Waveland offers you their only picture.

Famous because of his character acting, Paul Muni rises to the full height of his talents as he flings both life and fire into the person of a foreign youth who is torn by conflicting emotions in his desperate battle to win success and love against insurmountable odds.

Bette Davis in the role of a fiery adventuress and wife of Paul Muni's business partner in the film who kills her husband in the hope of winning the younger man's love, gains more momentum in her rise toward stardom as she gives a splendid piece of acting.

Muni in the role of Johnny Ramirez who spends all of his time studying law, is finally admitted to the bar. But upon losing his first case he attacks the opposing lawyer and is instantly disbarred. Determined to win power and fortune, he drifts to a nearby resort where he becomes a bouncer, later being taken in as a partner of Charlie Roark's place.

Marie Bette Davis, wife of Roark, falls madly in love with the younger man and attempts to have an affair with him, but gets nowhere because he is true to his partner. Becoming enraged at this, Marie kills her husband by gas fume poisoning which is pronounced accidental. But even this does not help the widow. Building a new resort, meets lovely Margaret Lindsay and immediately loses his heart to her. Marie, in the meantime, is crazy with jealousy and charges Johnny with the death of her husband. However, due to her strange actions in court, the suit is dropped.

By this time the young lawyer has grown rich and powerful and presses his suit for the young society girl, who only laughs in his face. The climax comes in a strange and startling way as would be supposed, but in the only manner possible for such a grand show.

Having witnessed the burning rage of Bette Davis and the flaming fury of Paul Muni, you will leave having seen the greatest show of its kind ever presented; one that will never die.

It is Warner Bros. supreme treat for you and will be at the Gulf Theater Sunday and Monday of this week.

## MRS. NELLIE FAVRE OF LOGTOWN PASSES ON TO GREAT BEYOND

**Recently Widowed, Survived by Two Young Sons—Interment at Turtle-skin Cemetery.**

Mrs. Nellie Favre, who resided at Logtown, this county, died, at Whitfield, Miss., Friday, May 13, 1938, at 3:45 o'clock. A native of Montpelier, Miss., she was born October 16, 1893, and was a daughter of John Thompson native of Clay county, Miss., and of Elizabeth Barnes, also native of Clay county, Miss.

She was the wife of Willie Christian Favre, who died January 21 of the present year.

Surviving are two sons, Otis and Avinell, ages, respectively 12 and 8 years.

Surviving brothers, John Thompson, Anderson Thompson, of Montpelier, Miss. Sisters: Mrs. B. M. Bird, of Winona, Miss.; Mrs. Leslie Boyd, of Montpelier, Miss.

Deceased was a member of the Logtown Baptist church. Funeral service was at Turtle-skin and burial at Turtle-skin cemetery, the Rev. R. K. Corder conducting the last rites of the Baptist church, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the McDonald Funeral Home of Picayune in charge of arrangements.

Special selections were rendered by Mrs. R. K. Corder and Mrs. William Stevens. A profusion of lovely flowers marked the last resting place and deepest sympathy extended the family. Mrs. Favre was well known, member of a prominent family.

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## MUSIC RECITAL AT ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY FRIDAY

**Misses Banderet and Capdepon Display Talent and Marked Ability.**

An appreciative audience assembled at the music room of St. Joseph Academy Friday afternoon, and enjoyed the piano performance of the two musicians of the afternoon.

The recital was held not only to show the work of the school but also to display the talent of two of its most gifted pupils.

The music room was beautifully decorated with pink and blue snapdragons, which had been placed in baskets and in appropriate corners. Promptly at the appointed hour of 3 o'clock, Miss Vera Banderet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Banderet, was introduced. Vera is the third generation to boast that her entire education has been received at the convent. This year she is member of the senior class. Aside from her regular school activities, she has taken music lessons for the past eight years. All of her training was plainly in evidence at the musical.

The second soloist on the program was Elsie Mae Capdepon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Capdepon. She is a member of the sophomore class. She also received all of her scholastic and musical training at the convent. She displayed unusual talent and marked ability.

From the character of the program it will easily be seen the extent to which the two pianists have advanced. Their rendition of difficult selections and excellence of interpretation conclusively proved their talent as musicians promises a future.

Miss Banderet and Miss Capdepon wish to express their thanks to members of the senior class who acted as usherettes and to the many friends who sent a profusion of beautiful flowers.

The program follows:

Tarantelle..... Heller  
Valze in D Flat..... Chopin Op. 64  
Faust..... J. Leybach, Op. 35  
Hungary..... Carl Quelling, Op. 410  
Poupee Valsante..... Poldini  
Second Valse..... Godard Op. 55  
Elsie Mae Capdepon  
Rustle of Spring..... Christian Siuding  
Military Polonaise in a Major

## OTTO ROEMER, JR., DIES IN ORLEANS AFTER LONG ILLNESS

**Local Business Man Succumbs After Years of Invalidism—Aged 41 Years.**

An invalid for over fifteen years, Otto H. Roemer, resident of Bay St. Louis, died at Touro Infirmary, New Orleans, Monday night, May 16, 1938, at 8:45 o'clock, following a surgical operation after which pneumonia set in and to which, the long-suffering and patient victim of long illness succumbed.

A native of New Orleans, he moved to this city some years ago and unable to engage in his usual activities, established a local retail and service station for the Shell Petroleum Corporation, and with his family operated the business, located on the OST, rear of city.

He was the husband of Elmira Lizana, father of Otto Henry Roemer, III; son of the late Otto Henry Roemer, brother of Mrs. J. W. Lizana of Pass Christian; Mrs. A. Davis, Mrs. A. L. Rousseau, Mrs. F. Campo and Fred Roemer. On his wife's side he was a brother-in-law of Vic E. Lizana, of Waveland. Funeral took place in New Orleans Wednesday morning, with religious services at Mater Dolorosa church; interment in that city at Lafayette cemetery, No. 2.

Otto Roemer was a devout Catholic and passed away consoled with the last sacraments and consolation of his faith. He bore his sufferings at all times with Christian fortitude; he was a devoted husband and father and his cheery disposition ever won for him many friends. His death removes a most likeable character, a man of exemplary virtues, and his years of resignation to inevitable fate were sublime and exemplary. An excellent citizen, a true friend and a man of kindest consideration has gone to his reward.

Tr. Chopin, Op. 40  
Vera Banderet  
Second Mazurka..... Godard, Op. 54  
Improvisation in C Minor..... Reinhold, No. 1  
Elsie Mae Capdepon  
Duet—Comedy Overture..... Keler-Bela, Op. 73  
Vera Banderet & Elsie Mae Capdepon  
Miss Blanche Wenar, Class '38, introduced the young ladies and announced the program numbers.







